## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

AECOM ENERGY & CONSTRUCTION, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendant.

Case No. 20-2016 C

## JOINT STATUS REPORT

On October 18, 2023, the Court entered a new scheduling order and further ordered that the parties "jointly submit a status report every 30 days . . . updating the court on the status of discovery." ECF No. 35. The Court ordered that the first of these reports is "due on November 16, 2023, and the last due after the close of expert discovery." *Id.* In accordance with the Court's order, plaintiff AECOM Energy & Construction, Inc., formerly known as URS Energy & Construction, Inc., ("URS") and defendant the United States of America (the "Government" or "DOE") submit this Joint Status Report updating the Court on the status of discovery.

Since the last status conference with the Court, which occurred on October 17, 2023, the Government has produced approximately 2.8 million documents in response to URS's production requests. URS has produced two volumes in that same span. The parties are each currently withholding certain documents on the basis of potential privilege, some of which they expect will be produced as their privilege logs are finalized. In addition, the parties are also reviewing these recent document productions to identify if there are any deficiencies, and the parties will meet and confer to attempt to resolve any issues that they identify. The parties also intend to meet and confer regarding a deadline to complete production of any non-privileged documents currently being withheld as potentially privileged and exchange privilege logs.

## Respectfully submitted,

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